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GEORGE, *by the Grace of God, of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland *King, Defender of the Faith* &c. *To all, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting: Whereas Our Royal Predeceſſors, upon divers wiſe, and honourable Conſiderations, have, on Occaſion of certain auguſt Solemnities, conferred, with great State, upon their Royal Iſſue Male, the Princes of the*

Blood Royal, ſeveral of their Nobility, Principal Officers, and other Perſons diſtinguiſhed by their Birth, Quality, and perſonal Merit, That Degree of Knighthood, which hath been denominated the Knighthood of the BATH; *We being moved by the ſame Conſiderations, do hereby declare our Royal Intention, not only to re-eſtabliſh, and ſupport the ſaid Honour of Knighthood in its former Luſtre and Dignity; but to erect the ſame into a regular military Order: And accordingly of our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, and by Virtue of our Royal Prerogative, being the Fountain of Honour, We have inſtituted, erected, conſtituted, and created, and by theſe our Letters Patents do inſtitute, erect, conſtitute, and create a military Order of Knighthood, to be, and be called for ever hereafter by the Name and Title of* The Order of the BATH, *whereof we, our Heirs, and Succeſſors Kings of this Realm for ever ſhall be Sovereigns, which ſaid Order ſhall conſiſt of a Great Maſter to continue during the Pleaſure of Us, our Heirs, or Succeſſors, and thirty ſix Companions to be from Time to Time nominated, and appointed by Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, wherein a Succeſſion ſhall be always regularly continued; Which ſaid Order ſhall*

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be governed by Statutes, and Ordinances to be from Time to Time made, ordained, altered, and abrogated by Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors at Our, and their Pleaſure. And to the End, that ſuch Statutes may be legally eſtabliſhed, We, following the Example of our Royal Predeceſſor King EDWARD *the Third of glorious Memory, Founder of the moſt Noble Order of the* GARTER, *who gave Sanction to the Statutes of that Order, by affixing to them the Seal, which had been by his Command made, and appointed for the ſame Order, Do hereby direct, and appoint, that a Seal ſhall be immediately engraven, having upon one Side the Repreſentation of our Royal Perſon on Horſeback in Armour, the Shield* Azure, *Three Imperial Crowns* Or, *the Arms uſually aſcribed to the Renowned King* ARTHUR, *with this Circumſcription,* Sigillum Honoratiſſimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo; *and on the Reverſe the ſame Arms empaling our Royal Arms: And our Royal Will, and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid Seal ſhall for ever hereafter be the Seal of the ſaid Order of the* BATH, *And that the Statutes to be perpetually, and inviolably obſerved within the ſaid Order, ſhall be eſtabliſhed, and ſealed by and with the ſame Seal. And we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and*

and Succeſſors declare, and ordain, that the ſaid Statutes ſo to be given by Us, our Heirs, or Succeſſors, to which the ſaid Seal ſhall be affixed, ſhall be of the ſame Force, and Validity, as if the ſame Statutes, and every Article of them had been verbatim recited in theſe Our Letters Patents, and had been paſſed under the Great Seal of this our Realm. And further we do hereby ordain, conſtitute, nominate, and appoint our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Couſin John Duke of Montagu to be the firſt Great Maſter *of the ſaid Order, To hold the ſaid Office during our Pleaſure, with ſuch Powers, Privileges, and Emoluments, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations, as ſhall be for that Purpoſe appointed in the Statutes to be eſtabliſhed by Us, our Heirs, or Succeſſors, as aforeſaid: And whereas it is abſolutely neceſſary for the Dignity, and Service of this Order, that there ſhould be Officers peculiarly appropriated thereto, We do by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, will and ordain, That there ſhall be for ever hereafter a Dean, Regiſter, King of Arms, Genealogiſt, Secretary, Uſher, and Meſſenger of, and belonging to the ſaid Order, whoſe reſpective Duties, Privileges, Emoluments, and Perquiſites ſhall be particularly expreſſed, and declared in the*

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ſaid Statutes. And we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, conſtitute, create, and appoint the Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter's Weſtminſter for the Time being, to be for ever hereafter Dean of the ſaid Order; and do for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, give, and grant full Power, and Authority to the Great Maſter *of the ſaid Order for the Time being to conſtitute, nominate, and appoint, under the Seal hereby appointed for the ſaid Order, a Regiſter, King of Arms, Genealogiſt, Secretary, Uſher, and Meſſenger of the ſaid Order; and from Time to Time to fill up the Places of ſuch Officers upon Vacancies, according to ſuch Rules, and Directions, as ſhall for that Purpoſe be laid down, and expreſſed in the ſaid Statutes to be given, as aforeſaid. And to the End, that the reſpective Fees to be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the ſaid Order of the* BATH, *by ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be nominated unto, and accept the Honour of a Companion of the ſaid Order may be certain, and fixed; We do by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, will, and declare, that all ſuch Fees ſhall be ſpecially, and particularly aſcertained, and eſtabliſhed in and by the Statutes to be given, and ordained to, and for the ſaid Order, by Us, our*

Heirs,

Heirs, or Succeſſors, under the Seal hereby appointed for the ſaid Order, and ſhall be of the like Force, and Effect, as if the ſame had been particularly expreſſed, and ſet forth in theſe our Letters Patents. And laſtly, we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, grant, that theſe our Letters Patents, or the Inrollment, or Exemplification thereof ſhall be, in and by all Things, good, firm, valid, ſufficient, and effectual in the Law, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, any Omiſſion, Imperfection, Defect, Matter, Cauſe, or Thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding: In Witneſs whereof, we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. Witneſs our Self at *Weſtminſter* the Eighteenth Day of *May*, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,

BISSE *and* BRAY.

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GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith &c. To all, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Whereas Our Royal Predeceſſors, for divers wiſe, and honourable Conſiderations, have, on Occaſion of ſeveral ſplendid,

and auguſt Solemnities, conferred, with great State and Ceremony, upon their Royal Iſſue Male, the Princes of the Blood Royal, ſeveral of their Nobility, principal Officers, and other Perſons diſtinguiſhed by eminent Birth, and Merit, That Degree of Knighthood, which from the Rite preparative to it, hath been denominated the Knighthood of the *Bath*; an Honour which moſt of Our Royal Predeceſſors have accepted in their own Perſons, with all the Forms thereunto appertaining, from the *Saxon* Ages, to the Coronation of the late King *Charles* the Second incluſive, who was himſelf inveſted therewith, during his Father's Reign: And whereas we being moved by all the like Conſiderations, and in Regard to the many laudable Precedents of Antiquity, and intending not only to re-eſtabliſh, and ſupport the ſaid Honour of Knighthood in its former Luſtre and Dignity, but to erect the ſame into a regular Military Order, did, by our Royal Letters Patents, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of this Inſtant *May*, Inſtitute, Erect, and Create a Military Order of Knighthood, to be, and be called for ever hereafter, by the Name and Title of the

Order

Order of the *Bath*, whereof We, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Kings of this Realm for ever, ſhall be Sovereigns: And whereas we have ordained and appointed a Great Seal of the ſaid Order, having upon one Side the Repreſentation of Our Royal Perſon on Horſeback in Armour, the Shield *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, the Arms uſually aſcribed to the Renowned King *Arthur*, with this Circumſcription, *Sigillum Honoratiſſimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo*; and on the Reverſe the ſame Arms empaling Our Royal Arms: And whereas by Our ſaid Letters Patents, We did ordain, That the ſaid Order ſhall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, and that the ſaid Statutes to be perpetually and inviolably obſerved within the ſaid Order, ſhall be eſtabliſhed, and ſealed by and with the ſaid Seal, as by the ſaid Letters Patents may appear. Now know ye, That in Purſuance of the ſaid Letters Patents, and by Virtue of our Prerogative Royal, We have made, ordained, and eſtabliſhed, and by theſe Preſents, ſealed with the abovementioned Seal of the ſaid Order, this Twenty third Day of *May*, in the eleventh Year of our Reign, do make, ordain, and eſtabliſh, the following Statutes and Or-

dinances, to be perpetually and inviolably obſerved within the ſame Order, *viz.*

FIRST, It is declared, ordained, and enjoined, That we, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Kings of this Realm are, and for ever ſhall be, Sovereigns of this moſt honourable Order of the *Bath*; to whom doth, and ſhall appertain, the Reſolution, Reformation, Interpretation, and Determination of every Doubt, Obſcurity, or Ambiguity, contained in any of the antient Ceremonials, or in any particular Article of theſe Our preſent Statutes, touching this moſt honourable Order, for maintaining the Dignity, and perpetual Succeſſion of it.

SECONDLY, That this Order ſhall conſiſt of the Sovereign, of a Prince of the Royal Blood, of a Great Maſter, and of Thirty five other Companions, and that this Number ſhall never be augmented; But when any Stall ſhall become void, it ſhall be filled by the Nomination of another Perſon, to be elected Knight, to the End ſuch Succeſſion may be always regularly continued.

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THIRDLY, It is hereby declared, That the Perſons to be admitted into this Order, ſhall be Gentlemen of Blood, bearing Coat Arms, and void of all Reproach, that is, They ſhall not be convicted of Hereſy againſt the Articles of the chriſtian Religion; not attainted of High Treaſon, without being firſt reſtored by a Pardon; neither ſhall they be ſuch, who out of Cowardice have fled from any Field of Battle; And in Caſe any Companion ſhall be found guilty of Reproach in any Inſtance of this Kind (which God forbid) He ſhall be Degraded at the next Chapter, his Eſcocheon ſhall be thrown out of his Stall, with all the uſual Marks of Infamy, and a Memorial thereof ſhall be entred in the Regiſter.

FOURTHLY, It is hereby declared, that Our dear, entirely beloved Grandſon Prince *William* ſhall be the firſt, and principal Companion, and ſhall be placed next unto the Sovereign within this moſt honourable Order: And ſince by Reaſon of the Tenderneſs of his Age, he is not able to bear the Fatigue of Bathing, and the Vigils attending it, or at preſent to apprehend ſufficiently the Import, and Obligation of an Oath; We, following the Precedents of Our Royal Predeceſſors in the like Caſes,

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do hereby diſpenſe with him in theſe, and all other Particulars, where a Diſpenſation may be required; declaring it to be Our Royal Pleaſure, That our conferring the Degree of Knighthood upon him by the Sword of State, ſhall be ſufficient to inveſt him fully, and effectually with this Order, and that he ſhall enjoy the ſame, with the Name, Title, Dignity, and Privileges belonging to a Knight of the *Bath*, in as large, and ample Manner, as if he had perſonally performed all the Solemnities, according to the antient Formularies.

FIFTHLY, In Conſideration of the great Merit, Vertue, Prudence, Generoſity, Valour, and Loyalty, whereby the Perſons, whoſe Names here follow, have ſingularly and ſeverally diſtinguiſhed themſelves, We declare it to be Our Royal Pleaſure, to advance them to be Companions of this Order as ſoon as they, and each of them have received this Knighthood, according to the antient laudable Rites, or ſhall be releaſed from the Obſervance of ſuch Rites, or any Part of them, by Virtue of eſpecial Diſpenſations, that is to ſay, Our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Couſins, the

Duke

Duke of *Richmond*, and the Duke of *Manchester*, Our Right Truſty and Right well-beloved Couſins, *Charles Beauclair* Earl of *Burford*, The Earls of *Leiceſter*, *Albemarle*, *Deloraine*, *Halifax*, *Suſſex*, and *Pomfret*; Our Right Truſty and well-beloved Couſin Lord *Naſſaw Powlet*, Our Right Truſty and well-beloved Couſin, and Councellor *George* Viſcount *Torrington*, Our Right Truſty and well-beloved the Lords *Malpas*, *Glenorchy*, *Delawar*, *Clinton*, and *Walpole*, Our Right Truſty and well-beloved Councellor, *Spencer Compton* Eſq; Our Right Truſty and well-beloved, *William Stanhope*, *Coniers Darcy*, and *Thomas Lumley Sanderſon* Eſqrs, Our Right Truſty and well-beloved Councellors, *Paul Methuen* Eſq; *Robert Walpole* Eſq; Sir *Robert Sutton*, and *Charles Wills* Eſq; Our Truſty and well-beloved Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *William Gage*, *Robert Cliſton*, *Michael Newton*, *William Yonge*, *Thomas Watſon Wentworth*, *John Monſon*, *William Morgan*, and *Thomas Coke* Eſqrs, Our Right Truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſin the Earl of *Inchequeen*, and Our Right Truſty, and wellbeloved Couſin Viſcount *Tyrrconnel*; Provided, that by the Manner according to which theſe Perſons are here named,

named, no other Precedency ſhall be claimed, than within the Chapters, Conventions, Stalls, Proceſſions, and Ceremonies of this Order; And that in Caſe any Perſon, or Perſons thus appointed by Us, ſhall omit to qualify himſelf, or themſelves by the Reception of this Knighthood, or ſhall neglect to be Inſtalled, according to the Methods herein after mentioned, beyond the Term of ſix Months from the Date of theſe Statutes, That this our Nomination ſhall then be void as to ſuch Perſon, or Perſons; And it ſhall be lawful for Us to elect another Perſon, or Perſons, to ſupply every Vacancy, that may happen on ſuch Account.

SIXTHLY, Since the important, weighty, and urgent Affairs of State and Government, will ſometimes neceſſarily require the immediate Direction of the Sovereign, ſo that he may not conveniently give all the Attention requiſite for the Benefit of this Order; We have therefore ordained, and conſtituted a Great Maſter of this Fraternity, who under the Sovereign, and in his Abſence, ſhall ſupply the Sovereign's Place, and take eſpecial Care, That theſe Statutes, and the antient Rituals belonging

ing to this Knighthood be obſerved with the greateſt Exactneſs; and he ſhall do, and perform whatever elſe ſhall be meet, and commodious for the Dignity thereof; And have nominated, conſtituted, and appointed Our Right Truſty, and Right entirely beloved Couſin *John* Duke of *Montagu* to be the firſt Great Maſter of this Order, and we do hereby diſpenſe with his Performance of the Rites of Bathing, and Vigils, and other preparative Ceremonies, which by the Conſtitution of this Order he would be obliged to; Declaring it to be Our Royal Pleaſure, That we having conferred the Honour of Knighthood on him formerly with the Sword of State, his receiving the Symbol of the Knighthood of the *Bath*, with the Ribbon of the ſaid Order from Our Royal Hands, and his taking the Oath in our Preſence, ſhall be ſufficient to inveſt him fully, and effectually with the Knighthood of this Order, and in the Office of Great Maſter thereof, giving to him the full Power, and Authority before-mentioned; And we do hereby enjoin all the Companions to render him due Service, ſo far as he ſhall act within this Order, and according to the Tenour of theſe Statutes: And ſince it may be found neceſſary

by Reaſon of unforeſeen Accidents, to diſpenſe with ſome of the Particulars in the ancient Ceremonials of it; We do hereby impower, and authorize the Great Maſter to grant ſuch Diſpenſations, under the above-mentioned Seal of this Order; which Seal ſhall for the future remain in the Cuſtody of the Great Maſter for the Time being, with a Power veſted in him to affix the ſame to all Summons, Significations of Elections, Commiſſions, Mandates, Certificates, and Tranſcripts of theſe Statutes, to be delivered unto each Perſon elected, and to all other Inſtruments whatſoever relating to this Order.

SEVENTHLY, That all Perſons herein nominated to be Companions (ſaving Our ſaid Grandſon, with whom we have diſpenſed) and all other Perſons, that may hereafter be elected into this Order, ſhall have Signification of ſuch their Election made unto them by the Great Maſter, and ſhall alſo upon the Summons of the Great Maſter for their Creation into the ſaid Knighthood, as alſo for their Inſtallation, repair to the Prince's Chamber, within the Palace of *Weſtminſter*, (which is hereby

hereby declared to be the Chapter-Room of this Order) at the Time, or Times to be appointed in the ſaid Summons; Each of them to be attended by two Eſquires of Honour, Gentlemen of Blood, and bearing Coat Arms, (to be approved by the Great Maſter,) who ſhall be worſhipfully received, at the Door of that Chamber, by the King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher of this Order; and the Perſon thus elected ſhall enter into that Chamber, with the Eſquires, who being experienced in Matters of Chivalry, are to inſtruct him in the Nature, Dignity, and Duties of this military Order, and to take diligent Care, That all the Ceremonies thereof, (which have their allegorical Significations) ſhall be powerfully recommended, and punctually obſerved; And ſuch Eſquires, who from this Service, have been uſually denominated Eſquires Governours, ſhall not permit the elected to be ſeen abroad, during the Evening of his firſt Entry, but ſhall ſend for the proper Barber to make ready a Bathing-Veſſel, handſomely lined on the Inſide, and Outſide with Linnen, having croſs Hoops over it, covered with Tapeſtry, for Defence againſt the cold Air of the Night, and a Blanket

ſhall be ſpread on the Floor by the Side of the Bathing-Veſſel, Then the Beard of the Elected being ſhaven, and his Hair cut, the Eſquires ſhall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Maſter; That it being the Time of Evenſong, the Elected is prepared for the *Bath*; Whereupon ſome of the moſt ſage, and experienced Knights, ſhall be ſent to inform the Elected, and to counſel and direct him in the Order and Feats of Chivalry; which Knights being preceded by ſeveral Eſquires of the Sovereign's Houſehold, making all the uſual Signs of rejoicing, and having the Minſtrels playing on ſeveral Inſtruments before them, ſhall forthwith repair to the Door of the Prince's Chamber, while the Eſquires Governours, upon hearing the Muſick ſhall undreſs the Elected, and put him into the Bath, and the muſical Inſtrumenes then ceaſing to play, theſe grave Knights entring into the Chamber without any Noiſe, ſhall ſeverally, one after the other, kneeling near the Bathing-Veſſel, with a ſoft Voice, inſtruct the Elected in the Nature and Courſe of the *Bath*, and put him in Mind, that for ever hereafter, he ought to keep his Body, and Mind pure, and undefiled; And thereupon the Knights ſhall each of them

them caſt ſome of the Water of the *Bath* upon the Shoulders of the Elected, and then retire, while the Eſquires Governours ſhall take the Elected out of the *Bath*, and conduct him to his Pallet-Bed, which is to be plain, and without Curtains, and as ſoon as his Body is dry, they ſhall clothe him very warm, in Conſideration, that he is to watch that whole Night; And therefore they ſhall then array him in a Robe of Ruſſet, having long Sleeves reaching down to the Ground, and tyed about the Middle with a Cordon of aſh-coloured, and ruſſet Silk, with a Ruſſet Hood like to an Hermit, having a white Napkin hanging to the Cordon, or Girdle; And the Barber having removed the Bathing-Veſſel, the experienced Knights ſhall again enter, and from thence conduct the Elected to the Chappel of King *Henry* the Seventh, (wherein it is our Pleaſure, that the religious Ceremonies relating to this Order ſhall for the future be conſtantly performed,) and they being there entred, preceded by all the Eſquires, making Rejoiceings, and the Minſtrels playing before them, during which Time, Wine and Spices ſhall be laid ready for theſe Knights, the Elected and the Eſquires Governours; And the Elected having

ving returned Thanks to these Knights, for the great Favours of their Assistance, the Esquires Governours shall shut the Chappel Door, permitting none to stay therein, save the Elected, One of the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* to officiate, the Chandler to take Care of the Lights, and the Verger of the Church; where the Elected shall perform his Vigils, during the whole Night, in Orisons and Prayers, to Almighty God, having a Taper burning before him, held by one of his Esquires Governours, who at the reading of the Gospel shall deliver it into the Hands of the Elected, which being read, he shall redeliver it to one of his Esquires Governours, who shall hold it before him during the Residue of divine Service; and when the Day breaks, and the Elected hath heard Matins, or Morning Prayer, the Esquires Governours shall reconduct him to the Prince's Chamber, and lay him in Bed, and cast over him a Coverlet of Gold, lined with Carde; and when it is a proper Time, these Esquires shall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Master, that the Elected will be ready to rise from his Bed, who shall again command the experienced Knights, preceded as before, to repair

repair to the Prince's Chamber; And the Elected being awakened by the Muſick, and the Eſquires Governours having provided every Thing in Readineſs, the experienced Knights at their Entry ſhall wiſh the Elected a good Morning, acquainting him, that it is a convenient Time to riſe, whereupon the Eſquires Governours taking him by the Arm, the moſt antient of theſe Knights ſhall preſent to him his Shirt, the next his Breeches, the third his Doublet, another the Surcoat of red Tartarin, lined and edged with white Scarcenet, two others ſhall take him out of his Bed, two others ſhall put on his Boots in Token of the Beginning of his Warfare, another ſhall gird him with his white Girdle without any Ornament, another ſhall combe his Head, another ſhall deliver him his Coif, or Bonnet, and laſtly, another ſhall put upon him the Mantle of this Order, being of the ſame Silk, and Colour of the Surcoat, lined and edged in like Manner, which ſhall be tied, and made faſt about the Neck with a Lace of white Silk, having a Pair of white Gloves hanging at the End thereof; and on the left Shoulder of the ſaid Mantle

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shall be the Ensign of this Order, That is,

Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, surrounded with the Motto of the Order upon a Circle *Gules*, with a Glory, or Rays issuing from the Center, as the same is delineated in the Margin, And on the same Shoulder of the said Mantle, the Lace of white Silk antiently worn by the said Knights: The Elected being thus habited, in Case there shall be a Cavalcade, it is to be performed according to the Tenour of the antient Rituals, otherwise a Procession shall be made on Foot to the Presence of the Sovereign, or to the Place, where the Great Master shall appoint, in the following Manner, that is, The Ministrels shall play on their several Instruments, the Esquires of the Sovereign's Household shall follow them, Then the Messenger of the Order, and after him the Esquires of the Order, being apparelled in Surcoats of white Silk, lined and edged with red, having Hoods of the same thereto affixed,

affixed, and on the right Shoulder of their Surcoats, the plain Escocheon of the Order, *Azure* Three Imperial Crowns *Or*; Next a young Esquire, a Gentleman of Blood, and Coat Arms in the like Surcoat, who being uncovered shall carry the Sword of the Elected, by the Point, in a Scabbard of white Leather, the Pummel and Cross Bar-Hilts being gilded, and his Belt without any Embellishments; at the Cross Hilts of the Sword shall hang the Spurs, with white Leathers; And then shall follow the Elected himself, supported between his two Esquires Governours, who being introduced with due Reverence to the Presence of the Sovereign, or Great Master, the King of Arms of this Order there attending, shall take the Spurs, and deliver them with the most humble, and sedulous Expressions of Duty, to the Sovereign, or in his Absence to the Great Master, who shall command the eldest Knight, or most noble Person there present, to put one Spur upon the right Heel of the Elected; which Office he is to perform by kneeling down upon one of his Knees, and putting the right Leg of the Elected upon his other Knee, and having fastned the Spur, and the other Spur being

in like Manner put upon his left Heel by another Knight, or by ſome other noble Perſon, in like Manner; The Sovereign, or Great Maſter, after he hath received the Sword from the ſaid King of Arms, ſhall buckle it over the Body of the Elected, and then ſhall give him the Accollade, or Dubbing, and kiſs him; And then ſhall put the red Ribbon, having the golden Badge of this Order thereto affixed, over the Head of the Knight, in ſuch Manner, as the Badge may hang on his left Side.

EIGHTHLY, Theſe Ceremonies being performed, or elſe a Diſpenſation granted for the Non-obſervance of them, or of any Part of them, (which Diſpenſation it ſhall always be in the Power of the Sovereign, or Great Maſter to grant under the Seal of the Order,) All the Perſons named in the fifth Article of theſe Statutes, ſhall reſpectively be Inſtalled in the Chappel of King *Henry* VII, in the following Manner; That is to ſay, Every one of them appearing in the Chapter-Room, wearing his Mantle, Ribbond, Surcoat, Sword, and having his Spurs on, There ſhall be a Proceſſion made from thence, to the ſaid Chappel, in which Proceſſion,

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all the Menial Servants in the Sovereign's Houſe-hold, who by Grant, or Preſcription, can claim Fees upon the Creation of any Knights of the *Bath*, ſhall be ranged, two and two, according to their regular Precedencies, Then the Meſſenger of the Order, then the young Eſquires in their Surcoats, two and two, thoſe of the junior Knights going foremoſt, then the Eſquires Governours in their Surcoats four in Breaſt, in like Manner; But in Caſe the young Eſquire, or Eſquires Governours of the Knights in the oppoſite Stalls, or either of them be abſent, Then the young Eſquire, or Eſquires Governours preſent, ſhall go by him, or themſelves: After them the Prebendaries of the Church of *Weſtminſter* in their Mantles, two and two, the Juniors going firſt, being followed by the Purſivants, Heralds, and Provincial Kings of Arms in their Tabarts; And then the Knights, that are to be Companions in the full Robes of the Order above recited, each of them carrying in his Hand a white Hat, adorned with a ſtanding Plume of white Feathers, proceeding with his Fellow in the oppoſite Stall; But if ſuch Fellow ſhall be abſent, the Knight preſent to go ſeparate by himſelf, He

or they who are to be placed in the loweſt Stalls ſtill going foremoſt, being followed by the Regiſter of the Order, having the Secretary of the Order on his right, and the Gentleman-Uſher on his left Hand; Then Our *Garter* Principal King of Arms, inveſted with his Tabart, Collar, and Eſcocheon only, having on his right Hand the Genealogiſt of this Order in his Habit, and with the Enſigns of this Order, and on his Left *Bath* King of Arms in his proper Robe, and with his Badge; Then the Dean of this Order in his Mantle, and with his Cognizance, carrying in his Hand the Oath, and Admonition, fairly written on Vellum, being followed by the Great Maſter alone; And after him ſhall go Our dear entirely beloved Grandſon Prince *William*, both of them with all the Habits, and Enſigns of the Order, and covered with their white Hats; And laſtly, this Proceſſion ſhall terminate in the Perſon of the Sovereign, if he ſhould be preſent, attended with his neceſſary Retinue, having the Sword of State carried before him, and his Train ſupported; And this Form is enjoined to be the conſtant Method of Procedure upon all future Inſtallations into

to this Order; Excepting only, that in all ſubſequent ones, the Knights, who have been actually Inſtalled, ſhall proceed covered with their white Hats; and that the Eſquires of the Companions deceaſed ſhall be placed according to the Directions inſerted in the Tenth Article. Theſe Knights being all entred into the Chapel, ſhall ſtand before their ſeveral Stalls, till the Sovereign (if preſent) hath ſeated himſelf; then the Prince of the Blood, then the Great Maſter, and afterwards every Knight, either ſingle, or at the ſame time with his Fellow, according to the Height of their Stalls: And having thus taken their reſpective Stalls, the Dean of the Order ſhall repair to his Chair, placed at the Foot of the Sovereign's Stall, and *Garter*, and the Genealogiſt, *Bath* King of Arms, the Regiſter, Secretary, and Gentleman-Uſher to their Benches, or Formes before it; the Eſquires Governours, ſhall retire to their Seats under the Stalls of the Knights, whom they ſeverally attend; and the young Eſquires ſtanding before them; The Prebendaries ſhall place themſelves on Benches, ſet on the right, and left ſide of the Tomb of King *Henry* VII. The menial Servants of the Sove-

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reign's Houſhold, (entitled to Fees as aforeſaid) before the young Eſquires, nearer to the Middle of the Chapel, ſtanding according to their ſeveral Precedencies; the Officers of Arms in the ſame Range, but nearer to the uppermoſt Stalls on each Side. Then *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher, ſhall ariſe from their Seats, being followed by the Dean of this Order, and proceed towards the Stall of the Great Maſter; who then deſcending, ſhall enter into that of the Knight, which ſhall be the higheſt next his own, and ſhall deliver unto ſuch Knight, the Tranſcript of theſe Statutes, to whom the Dean ſhall adminiſter the following Oath, *Bath* King of Arms holding the Book of the Goſpels.

YOU *ſhall honour God above all Things; You ſhall be ſtedfaſt in the Faith of Chriſt; You ſhall love the King your Sovereign Lord, and him and his Right defend to your Power; You ſhall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights; and ſhall ſuffer no Extortion, as far as you may prevent it; and of as great Honour be this Order unto you, as ever it was to any of your Progenitors, or others.*

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AND then the Great Maſter ſhall put the Collar about his Neck, and ſhall ſeat him in his Stall, with all proper Signs of Reſpect; and then the Great Maſter ſhall reſort unto the next Stall, and ſo ſucceſſively throughout the whole Stalls, performing the like Ceremonies to every Knight reſpectively; which Ceremonies being finiſhed, and the Great Maſter reſeated in his Stall, the Dean ſhall go to the Altar, and *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher being returned to their Bench, Divine Service ſhall be celebrated according to the Rubrick of the Liturgy; and at the Offering, the Sovereign (if preſent) ſhall, attended by *Garter*, *Bath*, and the Gentleman-Uſher, and aſſiſted by the Great Maſter, make his Oblation; then the Prince of the Blood; then the Great Maſter, attended by *Bath*, and the Gentleman-Uſher, and afterwards all the Reſidue of the Companions with their reſpective Fellows, (if preſent) otherwiſe ſingle; thoſe in the higheſt Stalls ſhall offer firſt, being attended ſeverally by two Provincial Kings, or Heralds of Arms; Divine Service being concluded, every Companion Inſtalled, ſhall be conducted by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher to the

the Rails of the Altar, where having unſheathed his Sword, he ſhall offer it naked with great Devotion, and the Dean ſhall reſtore ſuch Sword, with the following Admonition.

BY *the Oath you have this Day taken, I exhort and admoniſh you, to uſe this Sword to the Glory of God, the Defence of the Goſpel, the Maintenance of your Sovereign's Right, and Honour, and of all Equity, and Juſtice to the utmoſt of your Power*; So help you God.

A Proceſſion ſhall then be had by the Companions, in theſe their full Habits, to the Chapter-Room; and the Sovereign's Maſter-Cook, ſtanding at the Outſide of the Door of the Church of *Weſtminſter*, with a Linnen Apron, and a Chopping-Knife in his Hand, ſhall ſay to each Companion Inſtalled: *Sir, You know, what great Oath you have taken; which if you keep, it will be great Honour to you; but if you break it, I ſhall be compelled by my Office to hack off your Spurs from your Heels.*

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THE Companions being thus returned to the Prince's Chamber, are hereby authoriz'd to hold a Chapter, and to determine whatever ſhall be judged proper for preſerving the Dignity of the Order, within theſe Rules; and then diveſting themſelves of their Robes, may depart: And it ſhall be at the Diſcretion, and Pleaſure of every Companion, whether he will afterwards Apparel himſelf in blue Veſtments, wearing the Lace of white Silk on his Left Shoulder, according to the antient Formularies, and whether He will wear ſuch Lace on his Mantle at future Inſtallations.

NINTHLY, When any of the Stalls ſhall become void, the Great Maſter with all convenient Speed, ſhall ſignify the Vacancy to the Sovereign; And having received the Sovereign's Election, or Nomination of the Perſon to fill it, ſhall forthwith ſignify the ſaid Election to the Perſon ſo nominated, and ſhall then cauſe the Companions to be ſummoned by Letters, to appear in the Prince's Chamber, at a Time therein to be ſpecified; when, and to which Place they are ſtrictly required to repair (unleſs they have firſt obtained

a Diſpenſation, or ſhall be excuſed for a reaſonable Cauſe); and then being Habited in their Mantles, Surcoats, and Enſigns, and their Officers attending in their proper Robes, and with their Badges, a Proceſſion ſhall be made into the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh; where the Companions being ſeated in their Stalls, two of them, who ſhall be in the higheſt Stalls, next to that of the Great Maſter, ſhall offer the Sword of the Companion deceaſed, which ſhall be received, and depoſited upon the Side of the Altar by the Dean; and the Companions being returned unto the Chapter-Room, the Great Maſter ſhall there ſignify to them the Sovereign's Nomination of the Perſon Elected; who being in Attendance by vertue of a Letter from the Great Maſter, ſhall be introduced into the Chapter-Room by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher, that he may acknowledge the Acceptance of the Order; and the Complements of the Society being made to him, upon his receiving this diſtinguiſhing Mark of Honour; and the Times being appointed for his Creation to this Knighthood, as alſo for his Inſtallation, the ſame ſhall be diſtinctly performed according to the Rules above recited,

recited, without any Alterations, or additional Circumſtances, beſides thoſe which the Neceſſities of the Occaſions may abſolutely require: Provided always, that in caſe any Perſon nominated by Us, or our Succeſſors, do not perform the Conditions required, within Six Months after his Election, and that he have not Certificates thereof from the Great Maſter; then the ſaid Election to be void; And the Notice of ſuch his Omiſſion being given to the Sovereign by the Great Maſter, another Perſon ſhall be nominated to fill that Vacancy; to the end, an uninterrupted Succeſſion may be always regularly continued.

TENTHLY, That every Year, on the Twentieth Day of *October*, or if that ſhall happen upon a *Sunday*, on the next Day, there ſhall be a Convention of all the Companions, to celebrate the Anniverſary of Our Coronation, who are hereby required, without any other Summons, to meet in their Chapter-Room, inveſted with their proper Habits and Enſigns, with the Officers of this Order, their Eſquires, ~~the Prebendaries of *Weſtminſter*~~, all of them in their reſpective Robes, and from thence

they ſhall make a Proceſſion to the Chapel of King *Henry* VII. and there hear Divine Service, and make their Offerings, and from thence return to the Chapter-Room: But in caſe any Companion deceaſed, ſhall leave either, or both of his Eſquires Governours ſurviving, ſuch Eſquire, or Eſquires, ſhall proceed in Breaſt on the Left Hand of the Eſquire, or Eſquires, of the Knight, who at that time ſhall be in Poſſeſſion, or be entitled to be placed in the Stall, wherein the deceaſed Companion was ſeated; and the ſame Method ſhall be obſerved with regard to the young Eſquires, who ſhall ſurvive the Companions, to whom they officiated.

ELEVENTHLY, That at all future Coronations, and other Solemnities, wherein Knights of the *Bath* have been heretofore uſually Created; all the Companions of this moſt honourable Order, for the Time being, who by reaſon of the Honours and Offices then enjoyed by them, may not be entitled to an higher Degree of *Precedency*, ſhall enjoy the Precedencies, and all other Privileges whatever within, and without the Sovereign's Houſhold, which have been heretofore allowed to any Knight

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of the Bath, by antient Laws, Uſages, and Cuſtoms of this Realm, not only during the Preparation for ſuch Solemnities, but while they are in Performance, and likewiſe at all other Times and Seaſons; And that the Wives of theſe Companions, and their Relicts during their Widowhoods, with their Children, ſhall enjoy their antient Prehemineneies, and all other Rights, in as ample manner, as they were enjoyed under the Reigns of any of our Predeceſſors.

TWELFTHLY, That every Companion, after his Inſtallation, ſhall conſtantly wear the Badge, Cognizance, or Enſign of this Order, being, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, which ſhall be placed within the antient Motto of the Order, *Tria Juncta in Uno*; which Badge ſhall be pendent to a Red Ribbond, placed obliquely over the Right Shoulder to the Left Side; and each of them ſhall likewiſe wear the Enſign of this Order (deſcribed in the Seventh Article) embroidered upon the Left Side of his Upper Veſtment, with Rays of Silver, or Glory iſſuing from the Center; And before the Inſtallation of every Knight into this Order, there ſhall be fixed to the

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Back of his Stall, an Escocheon of his Arms enamelled, within a Circle *Gules*, having thereon the Motto of the Order in Letters of Gold, under which the Name and Title of the Companion with the Time of his Installation, shall be inscribed; and every Companion may, if he think proper, bear his Arms, in this manner on his Seal, and upon his Furniture, at all Times, and upon all Occasions whatever, and a Banner of his Arms shall be placed over his Stall.

THIRTEENTHLY, We do hereby declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That all Robes, and Materials whatsoever, which in the Reigns of our Predecessors, according to antient Customs, have been provided by any Servants of the Sovereign, by Reason of their different Offices, shall be issued and delivered upon the Warrants of the Great Master, for these Purposes, towards the Creation of the Persons hereby elected, and for all other such Persons, as shall hereafter be nominated by us, or by Our Successors Kings of this Realm, to supply such Vacancies as may happen in this Order.

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FOURTEENTHLY, That there may be no Miſtake in the Method, wherein the Perſons elected by us, ſhall be ranged in the Stalls, We have thought proper to inſert a Scheme of them.

On the right Hand of the Entry into the Chappel, facing the Altar	*On the left Hand of the Entry into the Chappel, facing the Altar*
1 Sovereign	2 Prince *William*
3 Duke of *Montagu* Great Maſter	4 Duke of *Richmond*
5 Duke of *Mancheſter*	6 Lord *Burford*
7 Earl of *Leiceſter*	8 Earl of *Albemarle*
9 Earl of *Deloraine*	10 Earl of *Halifax*
11 Earl of *Suſſex*	12 Earl of *Pomfret*
13 Lord *Naſſaw Paulet*	14 Viſcount *Torrington*
15 Lord *Malpas*	16 Lord *Glenorchy*
17 Lord *Delawar*	18 Lord *Clinton*
19 Lord *Walpole*	20 *Spencer Compton*
21 *William Stanhope*	22 *Conyers D'arcy*
23 *Thomas Lumley Sunderſon*	24 *Paul Methuen*
25 *Robert Walpole*	26 Sir *Robert Sutton*
27 *Charles Wills*	28 Sir *John Hobart* Bart.
29 Sir *William Gage* Bart.	30 *Robert* Cliſton
31 *Michael Newton*	32 *William Tonge*
33 *Thomas Watſon Wentworth*	34 *John Monſon*
35 *William Morgan*	36 *Thomas Coke*
37 Earl of *Inchequeen*	38 Viſcount *Tyrconnel*

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THAT is, the Stall oppoſite to that of the Sovereign ſhall be the next to it in Precedency, and ſo alternately from the Sovereign's Side to that on the Prince's Side, throughout the whole Courſe; And for the future, when any Vacancy ſhall happen, the Perſon nominated to ſupply it, whether Duke, Marqueſs, Earl, Viſcount, or Baron, or One under the Degree of Nobility, ſhall conſtantly be placed in the loweſt Stall; in which Caſe all the Companions in the Stalls, lower to that, inclusive, wherein the Knight deceaſed was placed, ſhall be gradually promoted to the next ſuperior Stall, and their Plates ſhall be removed accordingly. But whenever any Prince, or Princes of the Blood Royal ſhall be elected into this Fraternity, He or they ſo elected, ſhall be ſeated in the Stalls next to that of the Sovereign; And if there ſhould be no Vacancy in ſuch Stall, or Stalls, Then the Plates of the other Companions, in that Caſe are to be removed to lower Stalls; and each Companion is to take Place, within all the Ceremonies of this Order, according to the Situation of his Stall, and not according to the Grandeur of his Eſtate, Degree, or Office.

FIFTEENTHLY,

FIFTEENTHLY, That the Coat Armour of the Eſquires Governours, and young Eſquires, ſhall alſo be affixed to the Back of the Seats, under the Stalls of their reſpective Knights, in ſmall Enamell'd Eſcocheons, with their Names, and the Names of the Knights, whom they attended, with the reſpective Dates of the Times, when their Knights were Inſtalled: Which ſhall be removed in like Manner with the Plates of their reſpective Knights, to whom they performed Service; All which ſaid Eſquires, ſhall during the Terms of their ſeveral Lives, enjoy all Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, which the Eſquires of the Sovereign's Body, or the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber do lawfully Enjoy, or are Entituled unto by Virtue of any Grant, Preſcription, or Cuſtom whatſoever; And the eldeſt Son of every of theſe Eſquires, ſhall have, and uſe the Addition, and Title of Eſquire, in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings; Provided, That all theſe Eſquires to be Entituled to theſe Privileges, ſhall have Certificates of their Qualifications before their reſpective Admiſſions, And likewiſe an Exemplification of their actual performing their Duties upon the Creation

of any Knight, or Knights of the *Bath*, attested by the Great Master, under the Seal of the Order.

SIXTEENTHLY, Whenever the Sovereign shall please to have a Chapter, or Chapters to be held, the Great Master shall cause Letters of Summons to be sent to all the Companions resident within the Realm, to appear Robed in their Mantles, and with their Badges, in the Prince's Chamber; where being seated according to the Course of their Stalls, and attended by the Officers of this Order, they shall deliberate, treat, determine, and conclude, all Matters, which concern the Dignity, and Preservation of the Interests of this Order; and all such Determinations, and Resolutions, shall be forthwith presented to the Sovereign for his Royal Approbation; And, if the Sovereign shall not signify his Disallowance thereof, and the same shall not be contrary to these Statutes, shall be Rules and Ordinances, and be from thenceforth taken to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes of this most Honourable Order; And such Punishments shall be inflicted on the Companions, who shall then be absent without

without lawful Excuſes, or Diſpenſations obtained, and alſo upon ſuch Companions, as ſhall tranſgreſs againſt any Article, or Articles of theſe Statutes, or againſt ſuch Rules, as ſhall be made in any Chapters, to be held under the Reſtriction aforeſaid, as to the Majority of the Companions preſent ſhall ſeem juſt and expedient.

SEVENTEENTHLY, Whereas the Prebendaries of the Church of *Weſtminſter* will be obliged to attend in the Proceſſions of this Order, and to aſſiſt in celebrating Divine Service, whenever it is conferred, They ſhall on all ſuch Occaſions be habited in white Mantles, lined with red, having on the right Shoulder the Badge of the Order, in like Manner with the Eſquires Governours.

EIGHTEENTHLY, There ſhall be ſeven Officers of this Order, a Dean, a Genealogiſt, a King of Arms, a Regiſter, a Secretary, Gentleman-Uſher, and a Meſſenger.

THE Dean ſhall be the Dean of the Church of *Weſtminſter* for the Time being, who in all Ceremonies,

remonies, ſhall be Inveſted with the like Mantle, and Enſign, that the Companions are to wear; And in the Proceſſions ſhall be covered; He ſhall ſolemnize Divine Service, receive the Offerings, adminiſter the Oaths, and give the Admonitions; And alſo declare in the Chapters the Occaſion of calling them, and have Right to give his Suffrage, and Vote, in all Matters therein tranſacted; and may bear his own Coat Arms, Impaling thoſe of the Church of *Weſtminſter*, ſurrounded with the Circle, and Motto of the Order.

THE Genealogiſt, whom Our Great Maſter is to nominate and conſtitute, to continue during his good Behaviour, ſhall examine, and enter the Pedigrees of the reſpective Perſons now elected, and of ſuch, who ſhall hereafter be elected into this Order, and of their Eſquires Governours, and of the young Eſquires, with their ſeveral Coat Arms, and fairly to enter the ſame into Books, to remain to Poſterity, for the Memorial of their Families; for which he ſhall receive ſuch Reward, as ſhall be determined by the Great Maſter, with Regard to the Length of the Pedigrees, the authentick Proofs thereof,

thereof, and the Pains taken therein; In all Ceremonies of this Order, he ſhall be habited in a Mantle, like to that of the Prebendaries, and ſhall wear under it a Surcoat like to the Eſquires Governours, and on his Breaſt, hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Eſcocheon of Gold, enamell'd, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns of Gold, having in the Center between the Three Crowns, the Cyphers or Letters *G*, in the manner deſcribed in the Margin.

THE King of Arms, whom our Great Maſter is alſo to nominate, and who ſhall be created by our Great Maſter with the Ceremonies accuſtomed in the Caſes of Creations of other Kings of Arms, to continue in the ſaid Office during his good Behaviour, ſhall be denominated *Bath*, in *Latin*, *Rex Armorum Honoratiſſimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo*, and ſhall ſedulouſly attend the Service of this Order: He ſhall in all the Ceremonies of this Order, be habited in a Mantle, like to that of the Prebendaries, and under it a Surcoat, like to the Eſquires Governours; He ſhall wear on his Breaſt hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an

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Eſchocheon of Gold, enamelled, with the Arms of the Order, empaling the Arms of the Sovereign, crowned with an Imperial Crown, and ſhall carry the white Rod of this Order, which ſhall have on the two greater Squares of the Banner the Arms of the Order, empaling thoſe of the Sovereign, and on the leſſer Squares the Arms of the Order, the whole ſurmounted with an Imperial Crown; And at all future Coronations, he ſhall precede the Companions of this Order, and ſhall carry, and wear his Crown, as our other Kings of Arms are obliged to do; which Chain, Eſcocheon, Rod, and Crown, ſhall be of the like Materials, Value, and Weight, with theſe born, and uſed by our Garter Principal King of Arms, and of the like Faſhion, excepting only the Variations herein before ſpecified: Beſides the Duties required of him in the former Articles of theſe Statutes, He ſhall diligently perform whatever the Sovereign, or Great Maſter ſhall farther Command.

THE Regiſter, who ſhall alſo be nominated, and conſtituted, by the Great Maſter, to continue during

during his good Behaviour, ſhall, with the greateſt Fidelity, enter all Tranſactions whatſoever, within the Order, and the Decrees, and Proceedings in every Chapter, with the valiant Exploits, and Atchievements of the Companions: In all Ceremonies of this Order, he ſhall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat with the King of Arms, and on his Breaſt, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Eſcocheon enamelled on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Center, the Repreſentation of a Book bound *Gules*, the Leaves thereof *Or*.

THE Secretary to be likewiſe appointed by the Great Maſter, to continue during his good Behaviour, ſhall prepare Draughts of all Inſtruments, to be paſſed under the Seal of the Order, and engroſs them; And in all Ceremonies of this Order he ſhall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat as the Regiſter, and on his Breaſt, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Eſcocheon enamelled, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Center two Pens placed Salterwiſe.

WE likewiſe authoriſe the Great Maſter to conſtitute, and appoint a Gentleman-Uſher of the Scarlet Rod, ſurmounted with Three Imperial Crowns, who ſhall continue in ſuch Office during his good Behaviour; And in all Ceremonies of this Order ſhall wear the ſame Robe and Surcoat with *Bath* King of Arms, and at a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Eſcocheon *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, hanging upon his Breaſt: He ſhall have the Cuſtody of the Door of the Chapter Room, and of our Chapel founded by King *Henry* the Seventh, during the Ceremonies relating to this Order. Beſides the Duties enjoined in the former Articles of theſe Statutes, it ſhall appertain to him to touch with his Rod any Companion, that ſhall be convicted of any Crime, contrary to the Tenor of theſe Statutes; And in caſe of a Degradation, to pluck down the Eſcocheon of ſuch Knight, and to ſpurn it out of the Chapel; And he ſhall alſo diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Maſter ſhall farther enjoin him, relating to the Intereſts of this Order.

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THE Genealogiſt, *Bath* King of Arms, the Regiſter, Secretary, and the Gentleman-Uſher of the Scarlet Rod, who attend within our Royal Palace for the Service of this Order, ſhall continually remain under the Protection of the Sovereign, and are hereby declared to be Servants of the Sovereign's Houſhold, and ſhall enjoy all Privileges, and Exemptions, belonging by Right, or Cuſtom, to the Eſquires of the Sovereign, or to the Gentlemen of his Privy-Chamber; And we hereby direct, That their Robes, and Enſigns, ſhall be prepared at the Charge of the Sovereign, and be iſſued upon the Warrants of the Great Maſter.

AND to the End, that all Summons, Diſpenſations, Letters, and all other Inſtruments, may be ſafely, and expeditiouſly conveyed to the Companions, the Great Maſter is likewiſe empowered to conſtitute and appoint a Meſſenger for this Service, who ſhall likewiſe collect the quarterly Payments herein after mentioned from the Companions, to the Genealogiſt, King of Arms, Regiſter, Secretary, and Uſher of the Order; He ſhall wear the ſame Surcoat and Badge with the Eſquires of the

Order; And on his Breaſt hanging to a Golden Chain, One Imperial Crown of Gold: He ſhall alſo diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Maſter ſhall farther enjoin him, relating to the Intereſts of this Order.

ALL theſe Officers, at their Admiſſion, ſhall take their Oaths, which ſhall be adminiſtred unto them by the Great Maſter, That they ſhall yield Obedience to the Sovereign, and alſo to the Great Maſter of this moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*, in ſuch things as appertain to the Order; That they ſhall not diſcloſe the Secrets of the Order, and that they ſhall be faithful in the Executions of their ſeveral Offices.

AND that theſe Offices may in ſome degree be ſupported, We hereby direct and enjoin, That every Companion of this Order, ſhall, upon every Quarter-Day in the Year (the firſt Payment to begin on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next) pay unto the Genealogiſt Three Nobles, to the King of Arms, Regiſter, Secretary, and Gentleman-Uſher One Mark, to each of them; and to the Meſſenger

Meſſenger One Noble; And that theſe Officers may be encouraged to apply their Studies with the utmoſt Induſtry, We recommend to the ſaid Companions, that in their firſt Chapter, they would ſettle ſome Method, that their annual Penſions may be effectually, and regularly diſcharged, with ſuch other Proviſions, as ſhall be thought convenient.

AND to the End, that the Fees to be paid to the Great Maſter, and the ſeveral Officers of this Order, upon the Election, or Nomination of any Knight Companion into the ſame, may be particularly aſcertained, and eſtabliſhed, in Purſuance of the Declaration contained in our Royal Letters Patents above recited, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors direct, appoint, and ordain, That the Sum of One hundred and thirty eight Pounds ſhall be paid to the Great Maſter of the ſaid Order for the Time being, by every Perſon that ſhall be nominated unto, and accept the Honour of a Companion of the ſaid Order; And that the Sum of Twenty two Pounds ſix Shillings and eight Pence ſhall be paid by every ſuch Com-

panion to the Dean of the ſaid Order, out of which ſaid Sum the Prebendaries of *Weſtminſter* ſhall receive their Part, according the uſual Method of Partition obſerved in dividing Profits belonging to that Chapter; and to the King of Arms, Regiſter, Genealogiſt, Secretary, and Uſher, and to each of them the Sum of Twenty two Pounds, to be reſpectively paid to them, by every ſuch Companion; And to the Meſſenger the Sum of Eighteen Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence; And that every ſuch Companion, beyond theſe Sums, ſhall alſo pay for the Copy of theſe Statutes, Notice of his Election, Summons for his Inſtallation, and Certificate thereof, the Sum of Ten Marks for each of them reſpectively; And for the Eſcocheon of his Arms, and for thoſe of his Eſquires, which ſhall be fixed to the Back of their reſpective Stalls, the Sum of Twenty Marks for each of them reſpectively: And in caſe there ſhall be a Diſpenſation for the not performing any of the Particularities required by the old Rituals, or theſe Statutes, in conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*, the Perſon to whom ſuch Diſpenſation ſhall be granted, ſhall pay for the

the ſame the Sum of Forty Marks; and for the Banner which ſhall be placed over his Stall, fifteen Marks, and alſo for the Helmet, Creſt, Sword and Mantlings, Seven Marks.

NINETEENTHLY, Whereas by the Statutes of the moſt Noble Order of the *Garter*, It is ordained, That none ſhall be Elected, and Choſen to be Fellow, and Companion thereof, Except that he be a Knight without Reproach: We do hereby declare, and ordain, for the great Love, Favour, and Confidence, we bear towards the Knights of the moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*, That from henceforth a ſpecial Regard ſhall be had, in preferring, advancing, and preſenting them, to be Companions of the moſt Noble Order of the *Garter*.

TWENTIETHLY, That whenever any Companion of this moſt Honourable Order, ſhall be Elected into the moſt Noble Order of the *Garter*; It ſhall be entirely in the Power of ſuch Companion to Reſign this Order by an Inſtrument under his Hand, to be entered in the Regiſter of this

this Order; or if he ſhall deſign to retain this Order, He ſhall make the previous Proteſtations, uſual in Caſes of the Acceptance of another Order.

LASTLY, We hereby command, and enjoin, that theſe Statutes, and every Article thereof, ſhall for ever be inviolably obſerved within our ſaid Order; Reſerving to our ſelves the Power of adding, and of explaining any Particular therein; Which Additions and Explanations under our Sign Manual ſhall be taken, as Part, and Parcel of theſe our Statutes. *Given under the Seal of Our ſaid Order the Day and Year above written.*

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GEORGE R.

GEORGE by the Grace of God, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* and Sovereign of the moſt honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Whereas we are reſolved to advance the Honour, and Splendour of the moſt honourable Order of the *Bath*; We by Virtue of our Royal Prerogative, and in Conſequence of the Power reſerved to us in the Statutes, do hereby ordain, and enjoin, That the following Articles and Explanations are, and ſhall be always deemed to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually obſerved.

FIRST, It is our Royal Pleaſure, and we hereby enjoin, That the Maſter of our Jewel-Houſe for the Time being, ſhall upon the Warrant of the Great Maſter of this Order, provide for every Companion, that is, or ſhall be elected into this Order, a Collar of Gold of thirty Ounces Troy Weight, which Collar ſhall be compoſed of ſeveral Impe-

Imperial Crowns of Gold, tyed or linked with Gold Knots enamelled white, repreſenting the white Laces mentioned in the ancient Ceremonials of conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*; which ſaid Collar having the Badge or Symbol of this Order thereto pendent, the Companions are and ſhall be obliged to wear upon all Feſtivals, Proceſſions, Inſtallations, and other Ceremonies relating to this Order, and alſo in the Preſence of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, upon ſuch other Feaſts uſually termed *Collar* Days, when the Knights of our moſt Noble Order of the *Garter* attend Our Royal Perſon inveſted with their Collars; And that the ſaid Collar may for the future be repreſented upon Pictures, Limnings, Sculptures, and Monuments of theſe Companions; Which Collar ſhall not be alienated for any Cauſe whatever; but the Executors, or Adminiſtrators of every deceaſed Companion, ſhall return the ſame within three Months to the Great Maſter of this Order.

SECONDLY, We likewiſe hereby declare it to be our Royal Pleaſure, that the Banner, which ſhall be placed over the Stall of each Companion

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of this Order, shall be two Yards in Length, and one Yard three Quarters in Breadth, fringed about with red and white Silk, and that in the lowest Margin, the Name and Title of the Companion shall be inscribed with Letters of Gold upon a black Ground; and that the Crest, Helmet, and Sword, shall likewise be affixed to the Stall of every Knight, and be removed in like Manner as the Plates, according to the fourteenth Article of the Statutes. And that after the Deaths of the Companions, these Banners, Crests, Helmets, and Swords, (being first offered in solemn Manner,) shall then be hung up about the Pillars, or in some other convenient Place, towards the *West* End of the Abbey-Church of *Westminster* to remain to Posterity, for the Memorial of the deceased Knights, as a publick Testimony of their Honour. And we hereby direct, that the Banner of our Royal Arms, being two Yards and a half long, and two Yards in breadth, shall be Embroidered upon Velvet, which with our Crest, Helmet, and Sword shall be hung over our Stall.

THIRDLY, Whereas ſome Perſons may be Elected into this Order, who by Reaſon of their Employments in the Service of the Crown, by Sickneſs, or other unforeſeen Accidents, may be neceſſarily prevented from attending their Inſtallations in Perſon, within the Time limited; We hereby decree, that ſuch Perſons, having actually received the Honour of Knighthood, and a Diſpenſation for the Non-obſervance of any Rites belonging to the Knighthood of the *Bath*, and having alſo obtained Permiſſion under the Seal of the Order, ſhall and may ſubſtitute, and appoint, a Perſon of Honour, being a Knight, to be his Proxy or Deputy, to be inſtalled for him; Which Deputy having the Mantle upon his right Arm, ſhall proceed, from the Door of the Chapter-houſe, unto the Stall of his Principal, and ſhall there be inſtalled in the Manner directed by the Statutes, holding the Mantle on his Arm, and ſhall take the Oath in the Name of the Companion. And ſuch Companion ſhall thereby be as fully inveſted with the ſaid Order, as if he had been inſtalled in Perſon, in the Manner before mentioned in the Eighth Article.

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FOURTHLY, We hereby ordain, and enjoin, that over and above the Fees determined by theſe our Statutes, every Perſon elected, or to be elected into this moſt Honourable Order, ſhall alſo regularly pay all ſuch other Fees, as have been ſettled by Our Royal Predeceſſors by Grants under the Great Seal, upon the Reception of the Knighthood of the *Bath*; And until all Fees are fully and actually diſcharged, no Banner, Helmet, Sword, or Plate of any Companion of this Order ſhall be ſet up, or permitted to remain in the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh. *Given under our Sign Manual this firſt Day of* June, *in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*

GEORGE

GEORGE R.

IT is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that the Knights Companions of the most Honourable Order of the Bath appointed, and hereafter to be appointed by Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, shall for their greater Distinction, and Honour upon all Occasions whatsoever, bear and use Supporters to their Arms, and therefore We by these Presents, do direct, and command Our *Garter Principal King of Arms* for the time being, and his Successors in that Office, to grant Supporters to all Companions of Our said Order, who are, or shall not be entitled to bear Supporters by Virtue of their Peerages. *Given under Our Sign Manual this second Day of June, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*

by Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, and in Pursuance of the Powers reserved to Us by the said Statutes, ordain and appoint that the following Article and Explanations are and shall be always deemed to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed within Our said Order, viz.

" That each of the said Collars shall be com-
" posed of Nine Imperial Crowns of Gold, and
" of Eight Gold Roses and Thistles, issuing from
" a Gold Sceptre, enamell'd in their proper Co-
" lours,

GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of *Great Britain, France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting! Whereas We have been graciously pleased, by and with the Statutes for the said Order, to constitute the Master of Our Jewel House for the Time being, upon a Warrant from the Great Master of Our said Order, to provide for every Companion, who is or shall be elected into the Order aforesaid, a Collar of Gold of Thirty Ounces, *Troy* Weight, having the Badge or Symbol of the Order thereto pendant. Now it is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, and We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, and in Pursuance of the Powers reserved to Us by the said Statutes, ordain and appoint that the following Article and Explanations are and shall be always deemed to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed within Our said Order, *viz.*

" That each of the said Collars shall be com-
" posed of Nine Imperial Crowns of Gold, and
" of Eight Gold Roses and Thistles, issuing from
" a Gold Scepter, enamell'd in their proper Co-

" lours, ty'd or link'd together with Seventeen Gold
" Knots, enamell'd white.

Given at Our Court at Hanover the Sixteenth Day of November, 1725, O. S. in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

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GEORGE R, by the Grace of God, King of *Great Britain, France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* and Sovereign of the Moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*. To all Perſons to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, greeting; Whereas we are firmly reſolved, according to our former Declarations, to ſupport and advance, the Honour, Dignity, and Splendor, of this Our moſt Honourable Order, We by Virtue of our Prerogative, and in Conſequence of the Power reſerved, and veſted in Us by our Letters Patent, under our Great Seal, do hereby ordain and enjoin, that the following Articles, Additions, and Explanations are, and for the future ſhall be, and ſhall be taken and deemed to be, Part and Parcel of the Statutes, to be inviolably and perpetually obſerved, within this moſt Honourable Order.

FIRST, Whereas we declared our Royal Pleaſure, that the Companions of this our moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*, ſhould be obliged to wear their Collars upon all Feſtivals, Proceſſions, Inſtallations, and other Ceremonies relating to this Order, and alſo in Preſence of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, upon ſuch other Feaſts, uſually termed Collar Days, when the Knights of our moſt Noble Order of the Garter attend our Royal Perſon inveſted with their Collars:

Collars: In Conſideration of this our former Direction and Injunction, We hereby Decree, Determine, and Ordain, That upon all ſuch Collar Days, the Knights Companions of this Our moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath* for the Time being, ſhall have and enjoy the Privilege of waiting upon the Royal Perſon of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all Proceſſions to, and Returns from the Royal Chapel, in a ſeparate Claſs by themſelves, going two in Breaſt, when the Companions are Fellows, otherwiſe ſingle, according to the Situation of their reſpective Stalls, and ſhall thus place and range themſelves, next to, and immediately below Privy Counſellors, with permiſſion however to ſuch Companions who are, or ſhall hereafter be entitled to an higher Precedency, by their Peerages, Offices, or the Eminencies of their Births, to place and range themſelves in ſuch Proceſſions according to the reſpective State, or Degree due to them by Virtue thereof.

SECONDLY, Whereas the Great Maſter of our ſaid moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*, in purſuance of Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal, did conſtitute a Genealogiſt, create a King of Arms, and appoint a Gentleman Uſher; and we, for the Dignity of the ſaid Order, being reſolved to inveſt theſe three Officers with larger Powers than are contain'd in our former Statutes, do therefore of our certain Knowledge, meer Motion, and eſpecial Grace, hereby for Us,

Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, make, ordain, conſtitute, erect, and appoint, our Truſty and Well-beloved Servant *John Anſtis*, Jun. Eſq; the preſent Genealogiſt of this our moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*, our Herald of Arms, with our dear entirely beloved Grandſon Prince *William*, firſt and principal Companion of our ſaid moſt Honourable Order, and with the firſt and principal Companion thereof for the Time being, by the Stile and Title of *Blanc Courſier*, and by theſe Preſents do appoint, command, empower, and direct, the Great Maſter of Our ſaid Order for Us, and in our Name, and by our Authority, to ſignify to our Attorney or Solicitor General, our Royal Will and Command under the Seal of our ſaid Order, forthwith to prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to paſs under Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant to the ſaid *John Anſtis* Jun. of the aforeſaid Office of *Blanc Courſier*, in the Manner above ſpecified, with that Title, and all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, heretofore enjoyed by any Herald of Our Predeceſſors, or of any of them, under any Denomination whatſoever, with any Prince of the Blood Royal, or by any other Herald of any Prince, Duke, or Earl, of the Blood Royal, or by any other Herald of any Nobleman whatever, To have and to hold the ſaid Office of *Blanc Courſier*, during his good Behaviour, with all Rights thereto appertaining, with the yearly Salary of Forty Marks, payable out of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs, and

Succeſſors,

Succeſſors, as other Our Heralds now receive, in which ſaid Bill Our Royal Pleaſure is, that a Clauſe be inſerted, declaring, that for the Honour of Our ſaid Order, this Office of *Blanc Coupier* Our Herald, ſhall for the future be inſeperably annex'd, united, and perpetually conſolidated with the Office of Genealogiſt of Our ſaid Moſt Honourable Order of the *Bath*. And We hereby alſo of our certain Knowledge, meer Motion, and eſpecial Grace, do for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, erect, make, conſtitute, and ordain, Our Truſty and Well-beloved Servant *Grey Longueville*, Eſq; *Bath* King of Arms of Our moſt Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, *Gloucester* King of Arms and principal Herald of the Parts of *Wales*, which ſaid Office of *Gloucester* is now vacant, and in Our diſpoſal, and we do appoint and direct, the Great Maſter of this Our Order, for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to ſignify to Our Attorney or Solicitor General, Our Royal Will and Command under the Seal of Our ſaid Order, immediately to prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to paſs Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant of the ſaid Office of *Gloucester* in the Manner above ſpecified, to the ſaid *Grey Longueville*, *Bath* King of Arms, of Our Moſt Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, with all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, thereunto belonging, To have and to hold the ſame during his good Behaviour, in as full and ample Manner, as

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Richard Champney, or any other ever had, or ought to have enjoyed the same, with the yearly Salary of Forty pounds payable out of the *Exchequer* of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, as other Our provincial Kings of Arms are entituled to receive; in which said Bill Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, that there shall be Clauses inserted, empowering the said *Glouceſter* to grant Arms and Creſts to Persons residing within Our Dominions of *Wales*, either jointly with Our Garter principal King of Arms, or singly by himself, with the Consent and at the Pleasure of Our Earl Marshal or his Deputy for the Time being, and that for the future this Office of *Glouceſter*, shall be inseparably annex'd, united, and perpetually consolidated with the Office of *Bath* King of Arms, whose Title shall hereafter be *Bath* King of Arms of the Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, and *Glouceſter* King of Arms, and Principal Herald of the Parts of *Wales*, and which said *Bath* King of Arms for the Dignity of this Most Honourable Order, shall in all Assemblies, and at all Times, have and take the Place and Precedency above and before all other provincial Kings of Arms whatsoever. And we likewise of Our certain Knowledge, meer Motion, and especial Grace, do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, make, ordain, constitute, erect, and appoint, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Servant *Edmond Sawyer*, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet

Rod, of Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, Our Herald of Arms, with the Great Master of Our said Order for the Time being, by the Stile and Title of *Brunswick*, and by these Presents We do appoint, empower, and direct, the Great Master of Our said Order for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify to Our Attorney or Solicitor General, under the Seal of Our said Order, Our Royal Pleasure and Command forthwith to prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to pass under Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant to the said *Edmond Sawyer*, of the Office of *Brunswick*, in the Manner before specified, with that Title, and all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, heretofore enjoyed by any Herald of Our Predecessors, or of any of them under any Denomination whatsoever, with any Duke or other Nobleman, or by any Herald of any Duke, or other Nobleman, To have and to hold the said Office of *Brunswick* during his good Behaviour, with all Rights thereto belonging, with the like yearly Salary of Forty Marks, payable out of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as other Our Heralds now receive; in which said Bill Our Royal Pleasure is, that a Clause be inserted, declaring, that for the Honour of Our said Order, this Office of *Brunswick* Herald, shall for the future be inseparably annex'd, united, and perpetually consolidated, with the Office of Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of

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Our said Most Honourable Order of the Bath. And that in these several Bills, all such other proper and beneficial Clauses, shall be recited, as our Attorney or Solicitor General shall judge fit and convenient, for making these our separate Grants most firm, valid and effectual in the Law. And Our Will and Pleasure being, That these three Officers shall be formally and regularly created with the Ceremonies accustomed in those respective Cases, We hereby impower, appoint, and direct, the Great Master of Our said Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, for Us, and in our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify under the Seal of Our said Order, Our Royal Will and Command, to Our Earl Marshal of *England*, or his Deputy, to create the said *John Anstis*, jun. the Genealogist of Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, to be *Blanc Coursier* Herald; *Grey Longueville Bath* to be *Hanover* Herald; and as soon as that Rite is finished, to create him *Gloucester* King of Arms, and *Edmond Sawyer* to be *Brunswick* Herald, with the due Solemnities required on such Occasions.

And We hereby Decree and Ordain, that all the Officers of this Most Honourable Order of the *Bath* shall have Liberty at all Time and in all Places to wear their respective Escutcheons appropriated to them separately by the Statutes; and that for the future, the Genealogist being created an Herald, shall upon

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one Side of his Eſcutcheon bear the Impreſſion of the White Horſe richly enamell'd thereon; *Bath* being created *Glouceſter*, upon one Side of his Eſcutcheon ſhall bear the Arms of *Hanover*; and the Gentleman Uſher being created *Brunſwick*, ſhall bear upon one Side of his Eſcutcheon the Impreſſion of *Charlemagne*'s Crown; for which Purpoſes the Great Maſter of Our ſaid Order is to iſſue his Warrant to the Officers of Our Jewel Houſe for the Enamelling thereof. *Given under Our Sign Manual this Fourteenth Day of* January, 1725.

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